Norms for listing of shares of Public Sector Undertakings

@3896. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria and norms behind selection of the companies for the listing of share of Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) whether Government have proposals to disinvest the Government holdings in all the Public Sector Undertakings, gradually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) All the Public Sector Undertakings in which a part of the Government's shareholding has been disinvested so far, have been asked to get their shares listed on the Stock Exchange.

(b) No, Sir.

Issue of mining licences for cement factories

3897. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mining licences granted to the applicants in the Karbi Anglong and North Cachar district of Assam for starting cement factories;

(b) the applicants who were granted licences till date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no Assamese entrepreneurs were granted licences for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN):

(a) and (b) Ten mining leases for limestone have been granted by the Government of Assam to the following for setting up Cement Plants:—

1 Cement Corporation of India Limited

2 Shri Prabal Kumar Handigue

3 Sri Harsing Teron

4 Sri Brojen Langthasa

5 Sri Navneet Agarwal

6 Sri Mahavir Jain

7 M/s Meghalaya Minerals

8 Late N M Bawari

9 Sri Mahavir Jain

10 Sri D K Chetiya

(c) No, Sir

Promotion of agro-based industries

3898. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any special provisions for the promotion of agro-industries like tea and cinchona; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Government has been encouraging the setting up of Agro-based industries. Like any other industry, for agro industries also Government provides incentives like infrastructural support, concessional finance, excise benefits, marketing support reservation of items for exclusive production in the small scale sector supply of machinery on hire purchase basis and other technical and consultancy services etc.

A number of schemes are being implemented by the Tea Board for promoting production as well as exports of tea. Some of the measures include:

Production:

(1) Tea plantation Finance Scheme

(2) Tea Machinery and Irrigation Equipment Hire Purchase Scheme.

(3) Tea Area Rejuvenation and consolidation scheme.

(4) New Tea Unit Financing Scheme

(5) Darjeeling Interest Subsidy/Scheme

(6) Scheme for Interest Subsidyon Bank Loan for Irrigation Drainage and Extension Planting.

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